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**From:** Adam Warren  
**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2021 1:01 PM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact  
**Subject:** [External] Dominion Solar Fees

To whom it may concern:

I am a Dominion Energy customer in Columbia, SC. I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed change in fee structure for Dominion solar customers. In this time of unprecedented financial and economic hardship, it would be irresponsible for the PSC to approve Dominion's frivolous and backwards thinking request to raise rates on solar customers.

Many people choose solar energy to help do their part in moving away from a fossil fuel dependence that harms our planet and fills the pockets of companies who rely on fossil fuels. They also choose solar as a way to eventually save money.

The proposed charges include raising solar customers basic service charge to \$19.50/month (Nonsolar customers pay \$9/month). The utility has also proposed a "solar subscription fee," which would add a monthly cost of \$5.40/kW. The charge would cost the average solar customer around \$43 per month. The combined annual charges will be more than \$750. Dominion has provided no justification for their request to raise rates on solar customers.

More important than these additional fees, Dominion is also proposing to slash the rate at which it compensates solar customers for the excess electricity they generate from their solar panels. Currently, solar customers are compensated at a dollar-for-dollar rate. If approved, Dominion's proposal would reduce compensation rates from 11 cents to 3 cents per kilowatt hour.

This seems to be targeted punishment and a way to ensure and boost their outdated business model. Businesses and individuals should be encouraged to do the right thing and move away from fossil fuels. Please don't allow Dominion's proposed changes to take place.

I trust that you will take the right action to protect the people of South Carolina from the unnecessary and unwarranted cash grab that Dominion is attempting with these rate increases.

Respectfully,

Joshua Adam Warren